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Montana State University President H. K. Newburn stressed the importance of voluntary support in maintaining the quality of the University's program in an address Saturday to the MSU Endowment Foundation Board of Trustees.

In the face of burgeoning enrollments, private institutions, by their nature, must increasingly limit admissions, Dr. Newburn pointed out. This means that publicly supported institutions must be ready for a proportionately larger share of this bumper crop of students. Public institutions must be concerned now with accommodating more and more students without sacrificing the quality of education, he said.

The type of aid supplied by the Endowment Foundation can be of great importance in this area of maintaining quality, Dr. Newburn told the trustees. The burden of meeting the basic problem will fall on the Legislature, but voluntary support can be of invaluable assistance in providing for certain aspects of quality that are beyond the scope of legislative support. The foundation can serve the cause of excellence in higher education by providing funds to supplement and extend public support, he emphasized.

Dr. Newburn expressed gratitude for the foundation's contributions during the past year in such areas as scholarship aid for students and support for research projects.

"The observance of this first Foundation Day at MSU is an auspicious augury for future Foundation Days that will mark an ever growing and more vigorous Endowment Foundation program to supplement public support," Dr. Newburn commented.

The MSU president's talk was a feature of the Foundation Day luncheon Saturday that closed the two-day Endowment Foundation meeting on campus.

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